

# Farm Labor

The Utah Agricultural Statistics Service conducts quarterly agricultural labor surveys in January, April, July, and October. Data concerning hired labor, hours worked, and wage rates for the week (Sunday through Saturday) containing the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month are combined with Colorado and Nevada to form the Mountain II region.

The number of hired farm workers in the Mountain II region during the July 2000 through April 2001 quarterly survey periods peaked in April 2001 at 29,000 workers, followed by July 2000 with 25,000 workers and October 2000 with 24,000 workers. A low of 18,000 workers was reported in January 2001.

April 2001 was the busiest quarter with hired workers averaging 41.0 hours for the week followed by October 2000 with 40.9 hours and January 2001 with 39.8 hours. July 2000 was the low with the hired labor working 37.8 hours for the week.

The average wage rates were generally higher during the January 2001 survey period where the average rate for all hired workers was \$8.72 per hour. Field workers received their highest wage rates in January 2001 at \$7.57 per hour and their lowest at \$7.21 in July 2000. Livestock workers received their highest wages in January 2001 at \$7.76 per hour and their lowest in July 2000 at \$7.23 per hour.

**Farm Labor: Number Hired, Wage Rates, & Hours Worked, Mountain II Region,  
July 2000, October 2000, January 2001, and April 2001 <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>**

	July 9-15, 2000	October 8-14, 2000	January 7-13, 2001	April 8-14, 2001
<b>Hired Workers (1,000 Employees)</b>				
Hired workers	25	24	18	29
Expected to be Employed				
150 days or more	13	16	15	24
149 days or less	12	8	3	5
<b>Hours Worked (per week)</b>				
Hours worked by hired workers	37.8	40.9	39.8	41.0
<b>Wage Rates (Dollars per hour)</b>				
Wage rates for all hired workers <sup>2/</sup>	7.96	7.82	8.72	7.99
Type of worker				
Field	7.21	7.29	7.57	7.37
Livestock	7.23	7.71	7.76	7.58
Field & Livestock combined	7.22	7.44	7.68	7.44

<sup>1/</sup> Mountain II Region includes Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

